



# CHAT WITH THE CHAIR

OCTOBER 2012

Dear Friends,

Fall is in full swing, and with it are lots of opportunities to get involved in your community. At the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, October is a busy month, as we work to adopt a fiscally and socially responsible 2013 County Budget. I invite you to [watch our meetings online here](#) and fill out my [survey](#). Your opinion counts!

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# In the District

## District 4 Survey Now Online

Now that we are gearing up for the 2013 Milwaukee County Budget, my office has put together an online survey. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XGHSJ9B>

I am dedicated to working with my colleagues to protect important Milwaukee County assets, including our award-winning Parks and Transit System.

I'm eager to hear from you ahead of the budget process. Please take a moment to complete the survey at the link above. I appreciate your input!

## Alderman Zielinski Town Hall

Alderman Tony Zielinski will host a 14th District town hall meeting at Bay View High School, 2751 S Lenox St, 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Officers from various city departments, including representatives from the departments of Neighborhood Services, Public Works, City Development as well as representatives from Milwaukee Police Districts 2 and 6 will be on hand to address questions and issues.

The meeting will be held in the high school auditorium.

## Bay View Gallery Night

Join your neighbors September 28th! More than 35 local businesses, 70 artists and 20 bands will join in celebrating the creative community of Bay View! For more information, check out: [bayviewgallerynight.com](http://bayviewgallerynight.com)

## Bay View Historical Society Events

The Bay View Historical Society has had some recent activities in our community!

On September 29th, it honored the T.H. Stemper company with a Historical Society Landmark Plaque. The T.H. Stemper company has been a religious goods company in our community for over 100 years.

Additionally, you should save the date for the Beulah Brinton Awards Dinner.

Thursday, October 4th, 2012

South Shore Park Pavillion (2900 S. Shore Dr.)

6:30p.m. Dinner and Program

Call 414.744.5674 to reserve your space.

October 2012

## Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Romo West are observing Hispanic Heritage Month with awards and a presentation under the theme "Honoring our Past, Opening Doors and Fighting for More" during the September meeting of the County Board.

"The work of the people and the non-profit we are recognizing transcend culture, but it is fitting to honor them during Hispanic Heritage Month for their specific contributions to the Hispanic community in Milwaukee County," said Chairwoman Dimitrijevic.

Both the Chairwoman and Supervisor represent districts with the largest Hispanic populations in Milwaukee County.

"I am humbled by the dedication and perseverance of our award recipients, who are shining examples of people and organizations that make us all better," noted Supervisor Romo West.

Representing the "Honoring our Past" portion of the month's theme, Frank Gonzalez, Jr. is a long-time activist and volunteer within the local Hispanic community and serves on the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging.

Embodying the "Opening Doors" element of the theme, Milwaukee County Judge Pedro Colon is the first Latino to be elected a member of either house of the Wisconsin Legislature.

Depicting the "Fighting for More" piece of the theme, Voces de la Frontera is Wisconsin's leading immigrant rights group and works toward improved immigration rights within Milwaukee County.

Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Romo West to presented the three honorees with citations, to provide information about Hispanic Heritage Month.



# In the District

## Bay View Pumpkin Pavilion

October 17-20 at the Humboldt Park Pavillion. Carvings will be done on Wednesday and Thursday, Display on Friday and Saturday.

This week-long event gives Bay View residents an opportunity to carve their own creative pumpkins throughout many fun locations in Bay View.

The last carving leads up to the Grand Lighting of the Pumpkins at Humboldt Park, where games, spooky music, a black and white film and costumed attendees all get together to celebrate!

## Bay View Trick-or-Treat

The Bay View Neighborhood Association is organizing an evening trick-or-treat on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 5-8 p.m.

The boundaries for this event are Bay Street on the north, the lake on the east, Howard Avenue on the south and Chase/Howell on the west.

## LBWN Tour of Homes for Sale

**Saturday October 6, 10:30a.m. – 1p.m.**

**Sacred Heart Center, Room 203**

(1545 S Layton Blvd Milwaukee, WI 53215)

How would you like to buy an attractive home in a wonderful, diverse neighborhood?

Join Layton Boulevard West Neighbors for our Fall Tour of Homes to see first-hand the many terrific homes for sale in the Silver City, Burnham Park and Layton Park neighborhoods.

Learn about valuable homebuying resources including grants up to \$30,000 for the purchase and renovation of certain homes.

LBWN will also provide homebuyers with valuable information about the many neighborhood amenities that make our neighborhood such a great place to live.

[Register Online](#) - Download a [Flier](#)

Questions? Contact Will Sebern at 414.385.5300 or [will@lbwn.org](mailto:will@lbwn.org).

## Little Free Library Installed

A little free library has been installed at South Shore Park. [Little free Library](#) is part of a non-profit organization building and promoting "Take a book, leave a book" structures that fit in a front yard, by a sidewalk, coffee shop or park and are just big enough to hold 20-30 books that kids and adults can give and take.

The Library has been installed on the south side of the South Shore Park Pavillion near the Harnischweger Play Area. Funds for purchasing the LFL were provided by the South Shore Farmers Market Committee. Angie Tornes, a 14th district resident, coordinated the project and Mark Budnik enhanced the Amish barn-sided library by adding color, patching gaps, tightening it up to latch properly, and adding a layer of polyurethane over the entire works. People can add/take books but it really needs kids books!

The Little Free Library is a gift to users of South Shore Park, but it needs some care and watching over by everyone who uses the area. Please encourage readers, walkers and bikers to stop by often!

## MPD District 2 Crime & Safety Mtg.

Thursday October 18, 5:30 – 6:30p.m.

245 West Lincoln Avenue (District 2 Station House)

These meetings are open to the public and an opportunity to get to know your police force.

Each meeting will also have a special guest speaker.

For more information contact Officer Jesus Gloria at (414) 235-6638 or (414) 935-7228.

You can also call the station house directly at (414) 935-7222.

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (414) 933-4444

# Milwaukee County News Updates

## 2013 Executive Budget Now Online

You can now view the 2013 Milwaukee County Executive Budget online. To view the budget, please visit:

<http://county.milwaukee.gov/FiscalAffairs7904/2013-Recommended-Operating-Bud.htm>

## Milwaukee County 2013 Budget Calendar

### April 2012

Preliminary Preparation:  
Direction to County  
Departments on preparation of  
the subsequent year budget.

### Early June 2012

Departments submit new  
position requests.

### Mid-June 2012

Departments submit capital budget  
requests.  
Departments submit operating  
budget requests.

### July & August 2012

Department of Administrative  
Services and County Executive  
review of department budget  
requests.

### August 13 2012

Department of Administration  
submits summary of budget  
requests to the County Board

### September 27 2012

County Executive presents the  
Recommended Budget to the County  
Board. The Budget is then referred  
to the Finance, Personnel and Audit  
Committee for review

### October 2012

Finance and Audit Committee reviews the Recommended Budget in  
public budget hearings scheduled throughout the month. Check [here](#) for  
details on which departments are reviewed on which days.

### October 29, 2012

County Board public hearing on the  
budget.

### November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012

County Board Annual Meeting and the adoption of the budget and tax  
levy. During this meeting, the County Board acts on the Amendments by  
the Finance and Audit Committee as well as amendments submitted by  
individual Supervisors.

### November 14, 2012

Consideration of County Executive  
budget vetoes and final adoption of  
property tax levy.

### January 1, 2013

County Executive and departments begin utilizing budget to provide  
public services.



# Milwaukee County News Updates

## 2013 County Board Budget Hearing At Marcus Center

The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is proud to host the Annual Budget Public Hearing on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in the Bradley Pavilion of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, 929 N. Water Street in Milwaukee. Doors will open at 6 p.m.; the meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Board hosts the Public Hearing on the County Executive's Recommended Budget, including amendments by the County Board's Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee, to hear questions and concerns related to the annual budget.

"The Board looks forward to this Annual Budget Public Hearing as it represents some of our most important work: listening to the people of Milwaukee County," said Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic. "The Marcus Center, a well-known home of expression and ideas, makes a strong statement about the communication and transparency that the Board prioritizes as the branch of government closest

to the people of Milwaukee County."

The Board encourages attendance and testimony. All speakers will have two minutes to address the Board during the hearing.

Owned and partially funded by Milwaukee County, the Marcus Center is centrally located in Milwaukee's vibrant downtown.

Free parking, including handicapped accessible stalls, will be available in the Marcus Center structure, located one block north of the Marcus Center, between East State Street and East Highland Avenue. The entrance is one block west of Water Street.

A skywalk crosses State Street from the parking structure to the Marcus Center. Hearing attendees can access the skywalk from the parking structure by taking the stairs or elevator in the southeast corner of the structure and going to the third floor (roof level).



# Chairwoman's Corner

## Connect with Milwaukee County Live

Board Invites the Public to "Connect with Milwaukee County," in Real-Time and On Demand Milwaukee – The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is proud to announce the official launch of "[Connect with Milwaukee County](#)," an online initiative that allows the public to watch all Board meetings in real-time and to access an archive of past meetings.

Powered by "CLIC" (also known as County Legislative Information Center), Connect with Milwaukee County is an Internet infrastructure that live-streams Board and Committee meetings; provides a searchable archive of recorded meetings; and brings all agendas, resolutions, supporting documents and other legislative materials to the fingertips of anyone with Internet access.

"This tool is the latest in a series that demonstrates our new era in Milwaukee County government," said Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic. "When we say that we, as a legislature, are the government branch closest to the people, we mean it – from our monthly radio show and podcast to my own 'Chat with the Chair' traveling listening

sessions, from our annual Open House event to this latest investment in communications with constituents."

The unveiling of the Connect with the County initiative is especially timely, as the County Board of Supervisors has invited the County Executive to present his 2013 Recommended Budget to the Board at its September 27, 2012 meeting.

"I've made this sort of openness and transparency to the public a cornerstone of my leadership," noted Chairwoman Dimitrijevic. "For the first time, Board Committee meetings, in which the core of all County legislation is debated and molded, will be broadcast live to the people."

Under Connect with Milwaukee County, Internet access means complete access to all Board activity, with the exception of closed sessions, which are protected by State statute.

During the 2012 County Budget deliberations, the Board overrode a veto of the technology and equipment related to Connect with Milwaukee County.

## Council of County Board Chairs



Milwaukee County Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Waukesha County Board Chairman Paul Decker are pleased to announce the first gathering of the "Wisconsin Council of County Board Chairs."

The inaugural meeting of the Council is set for September 23, 2012, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Annual Meeting in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

"I'm encouraged by the initial interest in and positive response to this networking group among my counterparts across Wisconsin," said Chairwoman Dimitrijevic. "This group offers the potential of moving all of us forward with regard to shared goals."

Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Chairman Decker initiated the group after discussing the commonalities of their jobs, particularly the budget priorities and responsibilities that Wisconsin counties are called upon to address by the state.

"As Board leaders, we certainly have more in common with each other than not," noted Chairman Decker. "This network of Chairs can provide a tremendous forum for learning from our peers throughout Wisconsin."

Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Chairman Decker also noted the unique relationship between Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties, recognizing that the successes of their respective counties can be mutually beneficial.

# Chairwoman's Corner



*Combined Milwaukee County and Waukesha County Boards*



*Visitors at the 2012 Milwaukee County Open House*



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*Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, Harvinder S. Ahuja and Supervisor Taylor*



*Congresswoman Moore, Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Romo West at the 2012 Bride's Walk Against Domestic Violence*

# Chairwoman's Corner



*Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Haas at the 2012 Bay View Bash*



*Alderman Perez, Representative Zamarripa and Chairwoman Dimitrijevic at the 2012 Mexican Independence Day Parade*



*Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, Mayor Barrett, Supervisor Romo West and Alderman Perez at the Chat with the Chair in the Milwaukee County Domes*



*Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Domes Director Sandy Folaron at the Chat with the Chair in the Milwaukee County Domes*



*Mayor Barrett joins in the Chat with the Chair in Washington Park*



*Supervisor Stamper, Chairwoman Dimitrijevic, Milwaukee Common Council President Hines and Supervisor Harris at the Washington Park Chat with the Chair*

# Save the Date

## 2013 Floral Shows Announced

The Milwaukee County Domes is proud to announce the 2013 Floral Show lineup:

*Circus comes to Town* (Trains)

January 19 – March 10

*Blue Bayou* (Spring)

March 23-May 27

*Milwaukee Yards* (Summer)

June 8—September 8

*Fall into the Fifties* (Fall Mum)

September 21— November 10

*Nutcracker Suite* (Holiday)

November 23 — January 5, 2014

For more information, check the Domes website [here](#).

## Domes Book Now Available

A beautiful new book on the Domes is now available in the Domes Gift Shop! This amazing 36-page paperback book is filled with pictures and information on the history of Mitchell Park, the old conservatory, the construction of the Domes, pictures and interesting facts on each of the Domes, as well as future plans for the new greenhouses. The book, titled “Gardens und Glass: Mitchell Park Domes” written by Alan J. Streckow sell for \$15. Friends of the Domes members receive a 10% discount. A fabulous holiday gift for every history buff and Domes lover on your gift list.

## Milwaukee Film Festival

September 27-October 11, 2012

The 2012 Milwaukee Film Festival will contain over 200 films in its 15-day run. Films will be shown at the Landmark Oriental Theater, Landmark Downer Theater and the Fox-Bay Cinema Grill.

For more information including film dates, locations and ticket and pass pricing, please visit the Milwaukee Film Festival website at [mkefilm.org](http://mkefilm.org)

## New Exhibit at MAM

October 12, 2012–January 13, 2013

The Milwaukee Art Museum is delighted to be one of four museums in the United States to present Rembrandt, Van Dyck, Gainsborough: The Treasures of Kenwood House, London, an exhibition of forty-eight masterpieces on tour from the Iveagh Bequest collection.

Museum hours:

Tuesday–Sunday, 10 AM–5 PM

Thursday until 8 PM, closed Mondays

## Target Free Thursday at MAM

Admission to the Milwaukee Art Museum is free for everyone on the first Thursday of each month, thanks to Target. See [mam.org/visit](http://mam.org/visit) to plan your visit.

## Milwaukee in Miniature at MCHS

The Milwaukee County Historical Society is proud to share its current exhibit: Milwaukee in Miniature.

The exhibit offers a rare look at some of Milwaukee’s most treasured historical landmarks all in miniature form. Highlighted in the exhibit are 16 scale models of Milwaukee’s buildings as they appeared at the turn of the century. The scale models were created by Ferdinand Aumüller, a Milwaukee resident who spent countless hours during his retirement to recreate the City of Milwaukee in miniature form.

The exhibit will run through the end of this year. To view the exhibit, visit the Milwaukee County Historical Center, located at 910 N. Old World Third Street, Milwaukee, WI. For more information, check the website at:

[milwaukeehistory.net](http://milwaukeehistory.net)